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Festive anticipation

J.D. Hodgson Elementary School Glee Club members wait for their turns in the Christmas assembly on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

Darren Lum Echo staff



Chilly places

Two Haliburtonians travel to opposite ends of the earth

Food fill-up

OPP collects record amount for local food bank

Wigamog set to reopen January

Darren Lum Staff reporter

The New Wigamog Resort is seeking a new lease on life with new management and a fresh modern look, holding true to its historic roots.

Working closely with its owners, IC Wigamog,

and its German-based parent investment group, the Asta Corporation has worked as the resort's asset and project manager to not only renovate and upgrade the resort this past year, but to assume management once renovations are completed, which is expected at the beginning of summer.

After more than a year of being closed, the

resort will have a "soft opening" in late-January when there will be accommodation for at least 60 people available, open seven days a week, including the Moose Pub and Patio that will operate under winter hours, from Thursday to Saturday for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The

see RENOVATIONS page 20





Night wonders

Local Minden photographer Glenn Springer captured a series of images of the eclipse, Dec. 21, starting at first contact and ending at totality some two hours later. Prints and posters of this and other creative images can be seen and purchased at Glenn's online photo gallery at www.faczen. smugmug.com.

Photo by **Glenn Springer**

G20 trial begins for Haliburton man

Haliburton man Gary McCullough had a loaded crossbow in his car when he was arrested in downtown Toronto just days before the G20 Summit in June, national media is reporting.

Charged with possessing weapons for a dangerous purpose, 53-year-old McCullough was held in custody for more than five months after police found the crossbow, baseball bat, sledgehammer, chainsaw and video equipment in his car.

On Dec. 20, his trial began, revealing details about why police pulled him over and what he was carrying.

The CBC reports that police testified McCullough was pulled over because of a makeshift metal container affixed to the roof of his car.

They subsequently found the crossbow among other items including a notebook that specifically mentioned visiting the G20.

McCullough told police he had been at the G8 in Huntsville before driving south to Toronto.

He maintains his weapons were not meant for any dangerous purpose.

No allegations have been proven in court.

In a previous interview with the *Echo*, McCullough's father said his son has paranoid schizophrenia.

McCullough was released on bail Dec. 6. The trial resumes in February.



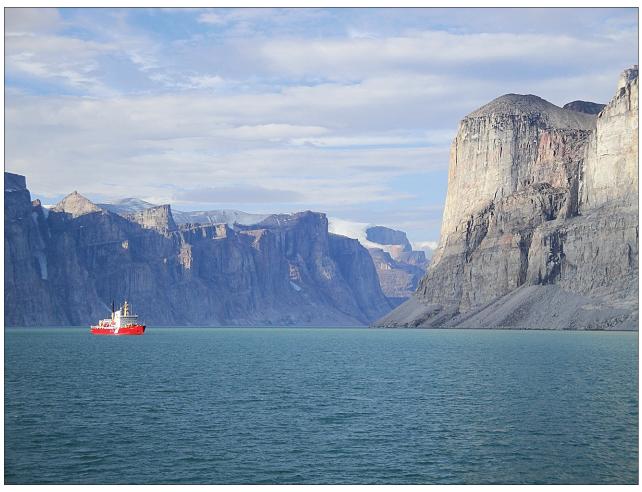
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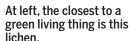
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Below, left, an Arctic fox sits by an inukshuk.

Right, the hamlet of Resolute Bay, Nunavut.

Below right, Bruce Medcalf shows the way home.





Bruce Medcalf's Arctic adventure like visiting the moon

Jenn Watt

He's been with the Canadian Forces for 26 years, travelled around the world on assignments, but has always called Haliburton home.

Training Warrant Officer Bruce Medcalf's last trip with the 400 Tactical Helicopter Squadron took him for 15 days to Canada's Arctic on Resolute Bay, Nunavut.

"I've never been to the surface of the moon, but this is probably what it looks like," Medcalf said of his time in the wind-swept barren north.

"Nothing grows, there's nothing green," he said.

In August of this year, Medcalf returned to the Arctic for the second time in his life.

The first time was in 2007, when he happened to be on Baffin Island when the Russians famously claimed the North Pole as their territory.

"The intent was to conduct presence patrols and surveillance operations to enhance the Canadian Forces' ability to operate in space, air, land and sea domains of our Arctic. It also demonstrated the Canadian Force's interoperability with other government departments, agencies and international partners in order to build a collective capacity to respond to emergencies in the Arctic," Medcalf wrote in an email to the *Echo*.

Alongside scientists and the native peoples, Medcalf's squadron practised in the stark environment where the sun never set and the temperature didn't rise much higher than -10C at the height of summer.

"It's just unbelievable. The hail and the rain is coming at you at 70 miles an hour," he said.

Despite being in Resolute Bay for work, Medcalf got a chance to tour the icebergs, go fishing and see wildlife including Arctic foxes and polar bears (from a distance).

"It's fabulous. This is the best job I've ever had," he said. "It's a great job. There's something different every day."

Medcalf was raised in Haliburton, attending elementary and high school here. His parents Bruce and Gail still live in the village.

He left to join the military in 1984 after working at local resorts as a chef.

"It was time to branch out," he said.

"You can really experience the world [with the military]. There's just so much out there."

Photos submitted by Bruce Medcalf



The bottom of the earth

Jenn Watt

Editor

She got to walk with the penguins and visit with the

On a 20-day hands-on trip, Janis Parker toured Antarc-

tica and the sub-Antarctic Islands with Adventure Canada - a travel company that has taken her to the Arctic, Galapagos, New Zealand and the Northwest Passage previously.

The cruise was on an icebreaker, which took the group of less than 100 passengers to remote locations seen by only a few.

"These animals were not at all afraid," Parker told the Echo.

She was able to walk right up to the penguins and other wildlife, capturing stunning images.

"On one beach in the South Shetland Islands there were $250\ breeding\ pairs$ of king penguins and their brown furry chicks – so more than 700,000 penguins. In total we saw six types of penguins, five species of seals and six species of whale and many wonderful birds including the albatross. (The light mantled sooty albatross was my favourite and the blue-eyed shag.)"

Above, St. Andrew's Bay, South Georgia Island. Below, centre - a fur seal basks in the sun. At left, a molting elephant seal appears to yawn. At right, King penguins gather together.

Photos by Janis Parker











Nikki Latanville and her son Austin show off Latanville's recordworthy buck shot near Carnarvon while Latanville was eightmonths pregnant. /Photo submitted

Pregnant mom gets a buck for two

Steve Galea

Haliburton Outdoors

Without a doubt, one of the best things to happen to hunting and fishing in the last few years is the influx of women to these pastimes. Women have quickly proven themselves to be capable and keen anglers and hunters, which should come as no surprise to anyone.

More importantly, they've infused these sports with a new perspective and muchneeded participants, which is essential if hunting, especially, is to maintain relevance and acceptance in the modern world.

With this in mind. I was thrilled to hear from local hunter Nikki Latanville who

recently bagged the buck of a lifetime with her crossbow near Carnarvon. Her 215pound, non-typical buck has 16 scorable points and an impressive rack that was recently green-scored at 172 4/8. It was taken on the afternoon of Dec. 14 and is a shoo-in for the record books. In fact, it could conceivably rank among, or close to, the top 25 crossbow-taken deer in Ontario of all time.

Latanville, who has taken deer with rifle, shotgun and bow is as keen as they come. So it's no surprise that she was toughing it out in the cold on the second-to-last day of our bow season when that monster buck came in. The first two arrows from her compound bow resulted in two misses - one at 20 and the other at 30 yards. The deer left shortly afterwards. Frustrated, she went home,

and returned with her crossbow, hoping for another chance at any deer.

Remarkably, the 28-year-old had just returned and settled into her ground blind when the big buck visited again. This time, her aim was true.

It's an incredible story in its own right, but the most amazing part is that Latanville was eight-months pregnant at the time. How's that for dedication?

This, by the way, is why Latanville, who is normally a competent shot with a compound bow, missed when the deer first came in. Her "baby bump" got in the way of the string and affected arrow flight.

What's even more amazing is that this isn't the first deer that she has taken while pregnant. While pregnant with her son Austin,

Latanville took a doe.

She also remains quite humble and credits her husband Dallas and brother-in-law Kyle for all their assistance. Her advanced state of pregnancy limited her ability to help in dragging and dressing out the animal.

She also admits that up until she saw that deer on the ground she was a bit envious of Dallas, who had taken a fine 10-pointer the week before.

She's now due to deliver her child in mid-January and she couldn't be happier about this and how the season went. I guess you could call them two blessed events.

Imagine that, the baby isn't yet born and he or she already has an incredible hunting

We should all be so lucky.

Test the ice before you go out and be cautious

Steve Galea

Haliburton Outdoors

The ice fishing season is upon us and, once again, it's every angler's responsibility to proceed safely.

Recent frigid temperatures and relatively little snow cover have provided good icemaking conditions, but that doesn't mean that you should let your guard down.

Going through the ice can be fatal.

As always, test the ice as you go with a spud or drill to determine ice quality and

Four inches of good clear or blue ice is typically considered safe for a walking angler; eight inches for the snowmobiler.

This provides a margin of error in case thickness isn't consistent, which is often the case.

As always, honeycombed or white, soft ice should be avoided.

The regular cautions still apply: stay away from ice that has formed over flowing water, springs or pressure cracks; avoid beaver dams and lodges as well as river inlets and outlets too.

And remember that ice over deeper water takes a bit longer to develop early in

Ice fishing is a fantastic winter activity and we're blessed with multitude of lakes and opportunities.

Use common sense, err on the side of caution and enjoy the season.

points of view

Looking to the future

In keeping with the *Echo* New Year's tradition, here are a few things to be thankful for in 2011.

Our library system: Aside from

the two new branches in Haliburton and Minden. our entire library system - all eight branches - have been infused with new life over the past couple years. A big part of that is the dedication and inspiration of chief librarian Bessie Sullivan. Sullivan has brought the county into the 2000s with new materi-

als including DVDs; an online database that can handle requests, holds and renewals; and a strong public relations effort. The library has reaped the rewards with circulation numbers rising steadily and excitement within the community for books and learning.

Fighting hunger: The Haliburton 4Cs estimates this might be the best year ever for donations during the Christmas season. The Echo's reporters were on constant chequephoto duty as members of the public and businesses gave to help others through the festive season. Donations to the Moose FM radiothon surpassed the \$20,000 mark for the food bank - nearly double what came in last year. SIRCH Community Services has also successfully mobilized the

county around hunger issues. When the Community Kitchen was on the verge of shutting down, community members came through with thousands of dollars to keep the program

running.

Big Ideas: If you don't try you'll never know and the Highlands is full of try-ers. In the north we have John and Thea Patterson, both dedicated to creating an ecological tourist destination. Then there is Winterdance and musher Hank DeBruin,

who famously took on the Iditarod Alaskan dogsled race last winter. Although he didn't finish the race, he's back on the sled this year competing in the Yukon Quest and plans to re-enter the Iditarod again. In the village of Haliburton, dentist Bill Kerr and dental hygienist Lisa Stoughton took the idea of a free clinic and tested the waters. Overwhelmed by positive response, they now predict the first free fillings (among other things) for low-income families will begin this spring.

More than we can handle: There are more positive things going on in this village and this county than can ever be squished into this editorial space. Our glass, and this paper, overflows with things to be thankful for.



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Shadows photo by Darren Lum

Finding your way

HRISTMAS ROUND HERE came a bit early and - probably because Santa's watched me fumble around in the bush - I found a brand new GPS under the tree. Quite frankly, the way I get lost, it's lucky

that I found the tree. For an outdoorsman, a brand new GPS is as good as

These units help you find tree stands, fishing hot spots, duck blinds and other things you left out there that you were sure you could find again. More importantly, they help get you home again.

This, of course, can only happen if you learn how to use it. And that's no easy thing to any of us older than 30. After all, when we say digital, we're generally referring to our upcoming appointment with the proctologist.

Still, if you commit to reading the manual and practising with the thing, you can become quite proficient with them in no time. And this practise doesn't need to be boring or useless either.

In fact, I've actually put my GPS to good use by marking the important locations in my house for visitors. The washroom, for instance, is waypoint one.

Now, when someone comes into my house after a very long drive and asks where the washroom is, they don't have to listen to my complicated verbal directions, which are open to misinterpretation and therefore dangerous if they've had more than one cup of coffee en

Instead, I'll just hand them my GPS and the Ouick-User Guide and tell them that all they need to do is follow the navigational arrow and preset route until

they arrive at waypoint one, the washroom.

From there, of course, they'll need to use some initiative to look around and find the toilet - although because of the incredible accuracy of this thing I am considering making that waypoint two and the toilet paper holder waypoint three. I'm still debating this, however, since it is within arm's reach of the



Steve Galea Tales from Vinegar Hill

But that's beside the point. For the most part, because of my foresight, they will have arrived safely at the washroom - which, my GPS tells me is a 23-second trip given a normal walking pace and 12 seconds if you have consumed more than two cups of coffee.

When you think about it, it's hard to believe that we lived this long without this satellite navigation technology. I mean, the old way to give directions to the washroom – and by that I mean providing a compass, roughly rendered map, and bearings - was hardly practical. And hiring a guide to get your company safely there and back was, well, awkward to say the least. No one really knew how much to tip.

I'm sure that my new GPS will have other, equally important uses too. But none half as entertaining.

points of view

New

E HAD A FEELING of impending terror. As Len watched his wife Maureen lower herself into the overstuffed living-room chair, he wondered how long she might stay seated there. Maureen was nine months pregnant and big as the proverbial house. It had become increasingly hard for her to manoeuvre around the house. Once she got settled in the chair, getting back up was like struggling to the surface from the deepest ocean depth.

As the new year approached, both Maureen and Len half-heartedly hoped this, their first, would be a New Year's baby, complete with a picture in the local paper and whatever benefits might then flow. Maureen



Sharon Lynch Down our Road

was less optimistic about any so-called benefits. She told Len that the days of celebrating such events had passed. They were the remnants of post-war Canada when the country strove to increase the population while keeping women out of the factories and in the kitchens of the nation. Len secretly thought Maureen had taken some of her university courses too seriously, resulting in her having a different slant on everything from population to politics.

As for himself, well he was just confused. On the one hand he was excited about being

a father. But at the same time the responsibility of such a role weighed heavily on his mind. However mostly he was afraid for Maureen. It had seemed as though everywhere he turned he was coming across horror stories of difficult births, maternal mortality and doctors having to choose between saving the life of the mother or the arriving child. He tried to keep these stories from his wife but he had stumbled upon her browsing Internet websites dealing with just these topics. "Information is power," she had stated when he asked her why she wanted to read about such events.

Now it was New Year's Eve day. They were planning to go out to a dance with another couple, somewhere close enough to walk. Despite her size Maureen said she felt surprisingly energetic and was looking forward to a chance to get out of the overstuffed chair and maybe even do some dancing. Len had just lifted his left eyebrow when she said this last bit. Not that he disliked dancing with her. It was just that he didn't want to do it to anything fast and he knew a slow dance would have to be at arms length, given her girth. Oh well, he had reflected; whatever made her happy and got them through these last few hours or days, as the case may be.

Maureen looked ravishing and Len told her so as they left the house. Their friends were waiting outside while Len held open the door and planted a kiss on her cheek as she passed. The night air was clear cold but not frigid and they were all dressed for walking. The snow crunched underfoot and fragments of moisture hung suspended and sparkling around the street lights. Their journey was mostly downhill and Len kept a light grip on Maureen's gloved hand as he watched for hidden pavement ice.

By the time the four of them reached the hall, their cheeks and noses were as red as Santa's. Coming inside was an adjustment of temperature, light and noise. From the quiet of a winter's walk, they moved into a space crowded with the noise and movement of many people. At Maureen's suggestion, they picked out a table near the stage and settled themselves in chairs. Then the men went for drinks while the women waited and watched the first brave souls to venture onto the dance floor.

"How are you feeling?" asked Maureen's friend. Maureen said she felt better than she had in days and doubted anything would happen that night. She was sure she'd know if it was going to. The other woman, a mother of three, smiled and said sometimes these things could not be predicted.

Five hours later Len was holding Maureen's hand again only this time it was not gloved and they were not outside. Maureen's hand was white-knuckled as she breathed her way through another contraction. Len was no longer feeling terrified at the thought of his wife giving birth or of himself taking on the role of father. He was too busy taking each moment as it came and passed, too busy doing whatever he could to help his wife through this momentous point in their lives. As his wrist watch chimed midnight, Maureen's grip on his hand tightened further. "I think you better call the nurse," she said. "I think it's time."



pic of the past

nne McKay of Haliburton dropped by the office to share this photo of the Carnarvon School children of 1952.

letters to the editor

Recent article focused too much on four years ago

To the Editor,

Re: Women tip county's political scales
Well, Angelica, you asked for my opinion!
First of all, there was far too much stress on the fact
that Ms. Partridge was not a successful candidate for
deputy-reeve of Highlands East four years ago. Yes,
there were two candidates for that position and Ms. Partridge was not successful – and yes, former councillor
Stoughton made an unfortunate and prejudiced remark

- four years ago. Those of us who know Mr. Stoughton know that he is an "ist" but Ms. Partridge admits to two "ists", one of which tends to give women a bad name in some circles.

Secondly Angelica, your article over-stressed the importance of the gender situation at county council, after all, intelligence is gender neutral.

Elva Bates Gooderham

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OPP auxiliary Wilfred
VanLieshout piles
the bags up high
at the annual Fill A
Cruiser event held
at the Haliburton
Foodland on Dec. 22.
The campaign
encourages grocery
shoppers to donate
bags of food to the
local food bank.

Angelica Blenich Echo staff



OPP fill cruisers to the brim

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

The cruisers were locked and loaded in Haliburton as members of the OPP delivered a record haul to the 4Cs food bank on Dec. 22 following the annual Fill a Cruiser with Food campaign.

The annual campaign encouraged shoppers to fill an OPP vehicle with non-perishable food items, which are then donated to the local food bank during the holiday season.

This year's campaign saw cruisers filled at both Haliburton Foodland and Todd's Independent from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Dec. 22.

The tag-team effort paid off as Constable Mark McMaster commented on the speed at which the cruisers were being filled.

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"We're getting ready to go and unload this vehicle because it's already full," said McMaster at approximately 11:30 a.m. "Then we'll come back and hope to fill it up some more."

In previous years, according to McMaster, the OPP split their time between the two grocery stores in Haliburton, spending two hours at each. McMaster believed the additional time spent at both locations this year was showing quick results.

By the end of the day the community's generosity was apparent as volunteers at the 4Cs searched for space to store all the bags of food.

"It's a record-breaking year in every way," said Judy MacDuff, treasurer of the 4Cs. "We haven't even counted the bags that have come in. We've just been so busy trying to get things put away. There's food in every place."

The donations, said MacDuff, will help the food bank get through the winter months.

"This is stocking our shelves for next year and they're well stocked," said MacDuff. "This has been the best ever. We're going to have to spend another day in here just getting everything unpacked, sorted and put away."



Deer numbers down, but that's OK

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

It appears deer numbers in the area are down, but a biologist with the Minden Ministry of Natural Resources office says it's not a problem.

"I believe deer numbers are down from what they were earlier in this decade, but it was our management goal to reduce numbers," said Gerry Moraal, adding this has been accomplished partially through creating more generous rules for hunters, such as increasingly antlerless tags and having additional seals available for a two-year period.

Also, he said the severity of the last couple of winters could have contributed to a decrease in the deer population.



During the winter months, people take pity on deer and think that by feeding them they are helping the creatures. In reality, such behaviour actually harms the animals.

This hunting season was a bit slower due to what seems to be a reduced population.

"Harvests are still down from last year, but not as much as previously indicated," Moraal said, adding the drop for this area was about 15 per cent.

The key for the MNR now is maintaining the current population.

"I believe there are plenty of deer still on the landscape to sustain our populations," Moraal said, but added that deer feeding can be a complicating factor.

The MNR is asking residents again this year to refrain from feeding deer.

"We just really don't recommend it at all," Moraal said.

While he understands that during winter months, people take pity on deer and think that by feeding them they are helping the creatures. In reality, he said, such behaviour actually harms the animals.

"It can cause digestive problems," he said, explaining that if a deer's system becomes reliant on artificial feed, it can actually increase the animal's metabolism, meaning it needs even more food.

There are plenty of other negative effects as well.

Feeding concentrates large numbers of deer in a small area, which means the habitat can't support them and can ultimately lead to reproductive problems and higher mortality rates.

Having a group of deer in a yard will also attract predators such as coyotes and deer-vehicle collisions can increase as deer veer from their regular paths to get at feeding sources.

Disease also spreads quicker among deer who are collected in a small area and the stress resulting from the cessation of winter feeding can also kill the animals.

For more information visit ontario.ca /wildlife.

Students send French books to children in Haiti

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

Students in Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti will have more to read in the New Year after nine Grade 7 students at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School donated their French books.

French Books for Haiti is the name of a new campaign a group of Haliburton students is running, with the goal of sending much-needed resources to a country still recovering from a devastating earthquake at the beginning of this

From now until March 2011, the students are accepting primary level French books for students in Grades 3 to 8 that will be sent to a school in Croix-des-Bouquets, a town approximately 13 kilometres northeast of Port-au-Prince.

The group has already received more than 50 books, with Grade 3 students from Stuart Baker Elementary School also pitching in.

According to Grade 7 teacher Lorrie Brandon, once collected, the books will be delivered to the school by Jonathan Glynn, a pilot and the creator of the charity Wings Over Haiti, a not-for-profit organization offering relief to Haiti.

The students, said Brandon, have not only made posters and announcements to promote the campaign but will also be making presentations to other elementary classes in the coming year.

"The school that is getting the books only want books, they are not interested in monetary donations," said Bran-

Those interested in donating to the effort can do so by dropping off primary French books to the main office at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School from now until March.



Angelica Blenich Echo staff

A group of Grade 7 students at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School gather around a pile of French books they have collected over the past month.

The students are organizing a campaign called French books for Haiti and plan to collect until March of 2011 before donating the books to a primary school in Croix-des-Bouquets.

From left, Natalie Griffin, Brooke Stevenson, Terri Dobbins, Cassandra Johannessen, Mika Titze, Paiten Smolen, Veronica Windsor and Ainsley Little. Missing from the group photo is Kristen Adams.



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Christmas concerts

JDH students ring in 12 days of Christmas

A J.D. Hodgson Elementary School student shouts, holding a banner that reads "four calling birds" during the singing of the 12 Days of Christmas at the conclusion of the school's Christmas assembly on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

Darren Lum Echo staff



Kids at Cardiff Elementary drum in some Christmas cheer



Ken MacPherson Special to the Echo

Students in Mrs. Bain's Grade 1 and 2 class learned how to play drums this year as part of the artists in the classroom initiative. They performed a selection at the Afternoon of Christmas Music and Fun at Cardiff Elementary School, on Wednesday, Dec. 22.



Ken MacPherson Special to the Echo

Mrs. Logan's class prepared a short arrangement for recorder, and presented it for family and friends at the Afternoon of Christmas Music and Fun.



Grade 1 and 2 French students at Stuart Baker Elementary School give a hands up during the annual Christmas concert held on Dec. 21. The concert included a variety of English and French holiday tunes as well as some dancing and comedic relief.

Students at Stuart Baker sing and dance to the tune of St. Nick

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

The melodies were pure and bright at the annual Christmas concert at Stuart Baker Elementary School held on Dec. 21.

Students from kindergarten through to Grade 3 sang and performed in both English and French for a packed audience of friends and family.

The concert began with a poetic introduction courtesy of Hailey Brisco and Braeden Sharp, followed by a dose of comedy thanks to Mr. Stephen's Grade 3 class.

Songs such as The 12 Green Days of Christmas, Oh There was a Little Baby and La Neige Tombe rounded out the afternoon of entertainment.

Mr. Stephen's Grade 3 class opened the concert with a bang by dancing to the tune of Freak Out, and following it with some Christmas comedy.

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From now until the introduction of 10digit dialing, the Telecommunications Alliance, a group of Ontario's major telecommunications companies, will lead an information campaign that includes advertising, information for business and consumer associations and a website (www.dial10.ca) where useful information can be found.

"Ten-digit dialing affects all residents and businesses in the region served by area code 705. It is important that everyone takes the time to reprogram their systems and communications equipment prior to Jan. 15, 2011, in order to avoid any inconveniences caused by the changes," stated Glenn Pilley, spokesperson for the Canadian Numbering Administrator. As of Jan. 15, 2011, local calls dialed with only seven digits will be interrupted by a recorded announcement before being connected. The announcement may disrupt data transmission so it is important to make the necessary changes in advance.

How to get ready

All consumers and businesses must add the area code to pre-programmed numbers in all of their telecommunications devices (e.g. autodialers, fax machines and computers). They must also contact their alarm company to ensure that their alarms and security systems are already reprogrammed for 10-digit dialing.

New area code starting in March 2011

A new area code, 249, will be added in the 705 region using the overlay method. This new area code will coexist with the current 705 area code and will cover the same geographic area. Customers with area code 705 numbers will retain their numbers. Numbers in the new 249 area code will only be assigned to customers for additional services on an as-needed basis. Introducing a new area code does not affect local calling areas in any way.

The Telecommunications Alliance. whose members include Bell, Rogers and TELUS, was formed to spearhead this public awareness initiative. Interested parties can find detailed information on how to get prepared for local 10-digit dialing at www. dial10.ca.



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6	Jeff Barry	522.75 522.75
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13	Melissa White	486.75
14	Larry Southgate	481.75
15	Jordan Hamilton	480.75
16	lan Kemp	474.5
17	Michael Moxley	473.75
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Using this information, the selection committee will make their choices to be revealed at the gala on Jan. 15 at Pinestone Resort.

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Christmas cheer and generosity flow at Zumpiloga event

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Staff reporter

With a name like Zumpiloga who could

Not many as more than 50 people attended the first ever fitness event with a name similar to that of a Dr. Seuss book, in support of Haliburton County's Food for Kids student nutrition program.

Held on Dec. 22 at the Dysart Community Centre, more than \$1,200 was raised at Zumpiloga, which was a mix of Zumba, kickboxing and yoga courtesy of instructors Suzanne Haedicke, Kathy Carey and Lynda Shadbolt.

As steam fogged up the windows, participants, who ranged from age 10 to 75, kicked, punched and stretched during the two-hour event.

"They were just moving and dancing in their own way, I was just so proud of them," said Shadbolt. "It was just like a big party."

Due to the success of Zumpiloga, organizers hope to repeat the event next year.

"\$1,200 in two hours is a lot of money and people had fun," said Shadbolt.

The event also included catered goods donated by 212 Fine Foods and Bonnie View Inn.

"It was a lot of fun and felt very festive. You just left feeling full of energy," said



Angelica Blenich Echo staff

More than 50 people attended the first ever Zumpiloga fundraising event, held at the Dysart Community Centre on Dec. 22.

With a focus on fitness and fundraising, the event included a mix of Zumba, kickboxing and yoga and was by donation only with all proceeds going to support Haliburton County's Food for Kids student nutrition program.





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Jaguars' generosity

The J.D. Hodgson Elementary School's deputy prime ministers, left, Rachel Churko, Grade 6, and Owen Flood, Grade 8, hold the 12 items that were collected for The 12 Days of Christmas Food Drive, starting with sugar on Dec. 7. Among the items were a fruit cocktail, kids' snacks, juice boxes, raisins, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, tea, dish soap, hamburger helper, toothpaste and peanut butter.

Darren Lum Echo staff



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Renovations to be rolled out in phases at New Wigamog

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grand opening is expected the first week of July.

The European parent company deals with thousands of commercial and industrial properties in Europe and North America. It has been the resort's landowners since 2005 and has more than 20 years of experience.

Asta Group's project coordinator Patricia Alexander said her company was not involved with the resort when

Alexander likens this relationship to one similar to franchise ownership, when the owner/operator of the location is responsible for the daily operations and the franchisor acts as rent collector.

"It's important for people to know the owners never had the opportunity to manage the resort," she said. "They feel the Wigamog has a lot of potential. They are very passionate about [Haliburton and the resort]."

They will oversee and allow Asta Corporation to act on their behalf to manage the property from now on, she said.

Alexander, who has been leading the work on the resort that overlooks Lake Kashawigamog is assuring the public of a long future for the storied resort that has been a fixture to the area since the 1920s.

'This group stepped up to the plate and [with their investment] said we're going to move forward. We're going to invest millions of dollars, and, yes, it is millions of dollars we're investing, to get the resort back to its glory days," she said, adding, financially, the numbers might not have been there for the owners, but their heart was in the right place to save the resort.

The owners are not expecting a return for a while, probably four to six years, she added.

"The reality is that they saved the Wigamog," she said. "It would have been a crying shame to see the place vanish. It's such a gorgeous place. It's been there 75 years. I hope it is here for another 75 years."

The future of the resort would have been in doubt had the owners, who visited Haliburton this past summer and planned to return in January, decided not to re-invest, she said, leaving nothing but rubble and the memories behind.

She said the future of the resort depends on the residents of Haliburton to support and embrace it, as they used to when it was a destination for locals and tourists.

Alexander's professional focus the past several years has been resorts, except this project in Haliburton holds greater meaning for the Toronto-based coordinator, who loves the

area for its beauty from her family visits to the area and places nearby.

She understands the financial and historical importance of the resort to Haliburton, but, more importantly, its sentimental value.

There is something intangible about the resort, she said, that probably has its value tied to the experiences people have had at the resort. She wants to be part of the resort's future that will continue to facilitate more great experi-

Alexander said the project has included more than just upgrades, refurbishment and renovations to the property and its buildings such as work on plumbing and electrical systems.

There will be a three-phase approach to renovations and upgrades, starting with phase one that will include the Moose Pub and Patio that has already received an enlarged stage area, raising of the dining room ceiling, a 2,000square-foot outdoor patio, a framed aluminum railing, new laminate wood flooring, bar and fireplace upgrades, including a new kitchen area and improvements to its

Phase one finishes at the end of January, followed by phase two with work on the three-floor, 25,000-squarefoot main building expected to house a fine dining restaurant, The Waterfalls, and will include improvements to the exterior and interior such as adding limestone flooring, an update to the main ballroom, including a division of the 3,800-square-foot former kids' play area into three rooms: an ice cream café parlour, a fitness room and wellness centre. This children's area is likely to be moved to the former arts and crafts room, she said. It's expected to be completed by sometime in May.

The project has encountered a few challenges with the old property such as pipes bursting and other issues related to old equipment, slowing renovation progress, but Alexander said she is confident the project is on target to hit these phase completion timelines and that the owners are capable of resolving more challenges if more come up.

The last phase will include outdoor upgrades such as landscaping, kids camp, work to the pool, basketball court, waterfront and tennis court. Its start time will be dependant on the winter thaw.

Although the Moose's menu has not been set, Alexander said customers could expect "comfort food" that is upscale, but "moderately priced." In 2005, the resort was the third highest employer (at high time) in Haliburton County, behind only the Trillium Lakelands District School Board



Darren Lum Echo staff

The fireplace burns inside the newly renovated poolside suite, which will be available when the New Wigamog Resort has its "soft opening" at the end of January. See more photos on our website haliburtonecho.ca.

and the municipal and county governments, as measured by a 2005 report commissioned by the owners.

Alexander said with 70 rooms available this summer, the resort is expected to employ between 80 and 100 employees. The resort contacted Winterfest 2011 about providing accommodation for the Ontario Senior Games on Feb. 15 and 17.

She adds Winterfest 2011 general manager Myke Malone was delighted and said the resort will be a premiere accommodation destination in Haliburton County.

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Sports

Lake Placid delivers golden moment

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

It might not have been a miracle on ice, but it was special nonetheless.

The Red Hawks boys' hockey team showed they were the class of the competition at the American Cup hockey tournament, shutting out their last three opponents in Lake Placid, N.Y. from Dec. 17 to 19.

After the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys' hockey team went undefeated through the entire tournament, they raised their gold medals in the air on the same ice an American hockey team won gold over the Russians at the 1980 Olympics, dubbed "the miracle on ice."

With seven teams from Canada and the U.S., the tournament wasn't necessarily boasting Olympic competition, but it wasn't any less magical for the boys of Haliburton.

They had an unblemished tournament record (4-1-0), except for a 3-3 tie, in their first game against the Brandon, Man., school Vincent Massey.

This was followed by round-robin wins against Lakefield College 3-1, Commandeur from Levis, Que., 5-0 and Newark from Delaware 10-0.

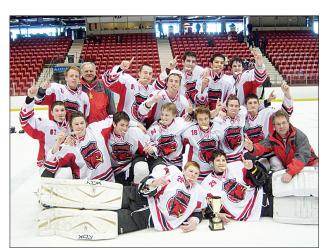
With just four goals allowed, the team's defence and the goaltending tandem of Zach Harrison and Andi Elia were the standard for excellence in this tournament.

They shared the net-minding duties, both taking turns every game with Elia, earning the win and shutout in the final against their first opponent in the tournament Vincent Massey 5-0.

Haliburton remains perfect at the Lake Placid tournament, as Yake coached a gold medal winning team in 1993. He points out that many of today's players were just born that year.

The Red Hawks are on a roll, going undefeated through their last six games, including the tournament and their last home game.

After a win against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons, the Red Hawks will take a break from action and practise (with many players playing for their respective club teams) during the holidays.



Red Hawks boys' hockey team take their championship photo on the ice after the game. /Submitted photo

Red Hawks finish 2010 undefeated



The boys' hockey team is finding wins easy, outpacing on ice and scoreboard

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

The Red Hawks are deserving of a long rest.

This past Monday, the Dysart Arena showcased incredible speed and skill, as the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys' hockey team clashed with the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons on Monday, Dec. 20.

The Falcons and the Red Hawks faced each other once before in an exhibition game during the pre-season when Fenelon Falls won.

Haliburton demonstrated selective memory, as they applied pressure, forechecking, using their pace to take time and space away to the Falcons' defensive corps.

Both teams kept tremendous pace, a blur at times, but Haliburton demonstrated their quality, scoring the first goal of the game by Kenton Gadway, who roofed it, topshelf, assisted by Mark Vasey and Ian Bottum.

Although the Falcons, who entered play with a 1-0-2 league record, answered with less than a minute after on a point shot to tie 1-1, the Red Hawks kept up the forecheck, forcing mistakes to earn numerous scoring chances.

Chris Judge put the Red Hawks ahead with an unassisted goal, standing at the doorstep of the Falcons' net.

Jordan Howe added another goal late in the first period, picking up a loose puck, with 1:24 left on the clock. Chad Larue and Carson Roberts assisted Howe on the goal.

Vasey scored an insurance goal and the eventual gamewinner late in the second period.

The special teams, which had not allowed a goal, let



Darren Lum Echo staff

Red Hawks defenceman Drew Paul, right, clears the puck to the corner during Haliburton's last home game before the holidays against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons on Monday, Dec. 20. Haliburton won 5-3 and remain undefeated.

alone much of a scoring chance in the game, joined the scoring party when Brett Yake scored a shorthanded goal at 4:15 in the third period, 5-1.

Haliburton went on to win 5-3.

The final score is misleading, as the Falcons managed a pair of goals within seconds of each other, starting just before the two-minute mark in the third period when Haliburton was mentally absent and already off the ice Yake alluded to.

Red Hawks goalie Zach Harrison, who came up big when needed, particularly on a delayed call penalty when he made two saves alone against a Falcons player, helped backstop the team to win despite the two late goals.

Coach Ron Yake said he was concerned for his team, coming off a busy tournament weekend in Lake Placid that included five games in three days.

He was measured in his response after the game, believing his team needs to work on face-offs in the defensive end, particularly in games against teams of lower calibre.

"Other than that the guys are on a roll. They are skating well. We have three lines that are just flying out there," he said.

Yake added the line of Roberts, Larue and Howe had a great game.

The high paced game was mirrored by the efficient use of the clock, as there were few stoppages of play for offside and icing calls or penalties, which there were nine in total.

Haliburton is 6-0-0 in league play and are 14-1-0, including their last two tournaments.

Road win

Haliburton continued its streak, beating the Lakefield District Secondary School 9-0 on the road on Tuesday, Dec. 21

The coach said the team's overall speed and puck possession translated into the win.

Brett Yake finished with a hat trick, Mark Vasey and Scott Griffith, both with two goals, and Carson Roberts and Drew Paul with a goal each.

Goalie Andi Elia earned the shutout in the win.

Missing in action was Brandon Yake, who was out of the lineup for school commitments, and Ashton Haley, who was out of the lineup with a lower body injury.

The Red Hawks rink throws for regionals

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

The Red Hawks boys' rink is heading to the Gore Regionals after winning the B-side in the Gore Mutual Schoolbov Zones competition at the Peterborough Curling Club on Dec. 11 and 12.

With a rink of skip, Jesse Walker; vice, Owen Duhaime; second, Mike Mazara; and lead, Shawn Kadwell, the Red Hawks pulled through with a strong performance to advance to the Gore Regionals held in Whitby on Feb. 5

Kadwell is the rookie of the team, but not in curling, with

experience competing in the Haliburton Curling Club's junior league.

The team's coach, Tom Dibblee, said Walker is calling and executing a great game. He has been called upon regularly to successfully complete the end in games, he adds.

"I enjoy providing the opportunity for these boys to curl. I enjoy seeing the Monday night league take ownership of the boys' success," said Dibblee. "Without the game play on Monday nights, we would not be as successful as we have been in the past. We look forward to a great sea-

The team practises every Monday in the Haliburton Curling Club's competitive league.



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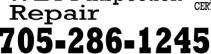


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Rejoicing Red Hawks

Left, Paige Roberts, Breanna Larue, Tess Iles, Julia Fedeski and Jessica Duchene celebrate a goal in an exhibition game against the visiting Gravenhurst Gryphons on Tuesday, Dec. 21. Haliburton shut out the Gryphons, winning with a double-digit goal total.

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Below, Red Hawks player Megan Allore cuts around her check, skating the puck in to the Gravenhurst Gryphons zone during an exhibition game at Dysart Arena on Tuesday, Dec. 21. Haliburton shut out the Gryphons, winning with a double-digit goal total.

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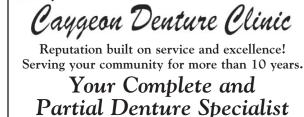
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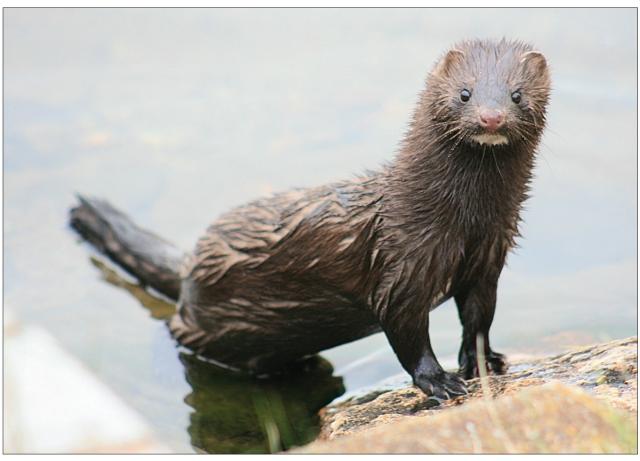
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Vanessa Adair, on Billings Lake, spotted this mink coming out of the water before it froze over.



Wildlife in your backyard

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At right, Kathleen Owens spotted these young deer during the summer.



This woodpecker pecks at a tree while Lorna Hicks, of Ingoldsby takes his picture.



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Barry Wilhelm spotted these deer from afar near Halbiem Cres. in Haliburton.





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- 1) Make sure that you carry your licence, ownership and insurance on your
- 2) Stay on marked trails and respect private property.
- 3) Obey speed limits.
- 4) Don't drink and drive.
- 5) Trail permits are required if operating your machine on an Ontario Federa-

tion of Snowmobile Club prescribed trail.

6) Before venturing out onto the ice check to make sure ice conditions are

STOP (Snowmobile Trail Officer Patrol) officers will also be out patrolling the trails in Haliburton County. These officers are volunteers from the community. They contribute to the safety of local trails by enforcing the Motorized Snow Vehicle Act, assisting local OPP officers with RIDE programs and addressing complaints. They also frequently attend various public events with a focus on educating the public in relation to snowmobiling.

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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD

DATE: February 14th, 2011

TIME: Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning

Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has, by resolution, declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of an original allowance for road located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

Greif Bros Canada Inc. Owner: Location: Percy Lake Rd – Percy Lake.

- Part of Lots 21, 22 & 23, Concession 9, Part of Pine Point Road, Registered Plan 524 and All of the 1 foot Reserve, Registered Plan 524, Geographic Township of Harburn.
- Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Consulting Ltd. dated May 12, 2010, being available for review in the Planning Department.

David and Kendra Lavergne Owner: Dudley Road - Drag Lake. Location:

- Part of Original Allowance for Road, between Lots 10 & 11, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Dudley.
- Defined as Parts 28, 29 and 30 on plan 19R-5027 of survey, prepared by Bishop and Wilson Ltd. dated December 6, 1990, being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 28th day of December, 2010

Patricia E. Martin M.C.I.P., R.P.P. Municipal Planner

The Zombie Reindeer was an interesting twist

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

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The Wilberforce School Christmas Concert was presented at the colourfully decorated Lloyd Watson Centre on Tuesday, Dec 21

After the welcome by Principal Elaine Fournier all joined the students and staff in O Canada. The MCs were Dakota Luff-Bourque and Samantha Rogers.

The program included some delightful musical numbers. The Grade 4/5 class kicked off the presentations by playing Ode To Joy on recorders. Following the song With My Own Two Hands there was a songand-dance number featuring Austin, Jacob, Payton and Cecil.

The Grade 5/6 class jazzed it up with three songs including Jingle Bell Rock and The Night Before Christmas.

The Grade 7/8 students continued the musical theme with three numbers. Rudolph, the Zombie Reindeer was an interesting twist on the usual version.

The choir sang Silent Night followed by the whole school group doing We Wish You A Merry Christmas.

How lovely to have such good singing and especially with the piano accompani-

Refreshments were enjoyed to top off a good concert. How nice to have trustee Gary Brohman in attendance.

Reminding everyone of more celebrations to come in this school year with the Wilberforce School reaching its 100th year there were souvenir mugs, fridge magnets and pens on sale.

Members of the Anglican Church Women from St. Margaret's enjoyed their Christmas meeting and lunch at the House In The Village Bed and Breakfast on Tuesday, Dec.

Christmas was celebrated at services at various times over the past weekend at churches in the area.

Hope everyone had a joyous and safe time over the weekend. Best wishes to all for a very happy New Year 2011.

Notices

The Municipality of Dysart et al Wishes you a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.



NOTICE:

Christmas Hours & Closures Dysart et al Municipal Office will be CLOSED from and including Friday, December 24th, 2010

To

Monday, January 3rd, 2011

The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 4th @ 8:30 a.m.

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Notice of January 3rd, 2011 **COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLATION**

Please take notice that the first Council meeting of January, normally to be held on January 3rd, 2011 is cancelled. The next meeting of Council will be held on January 10th, 2011 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Driving in a winter wonderland begins with how you sit



Woman on Wheels Annette McLeod,

QMI Agency annette.mcleod@sunmedia.ca

Winter driving takes special care. Richard Spenard, who was inducted into the Canadian Motorsports Hall of Fame in 2001 and is among the country's most successful drivers (and is no stranger to winter, having won the Quebec Ice Series championship), says the mistakes people make are simple, and quite simply avoided.

"We tend to drive with big, heavy coats and that limits movement. Also, people don't sit properly." Spenard says most people are too far away from the brake pedal and steering wheel, and don't use proper hand positions on the wheel.

"Ideally, your hands should be at three o'clock and nine o'clock, with a bend in the

elbow." He says we should be in such a position that, in a panic stop, we shouldn't have any trouble pressing the brake pedal all the way to the floor without stretching our legs.

Spenard says perhaps the most important step we can take is just to "slow down tremendously." A highway entrance or exit we can take at 90 km/h an hour on a dry summer day may be too quickly taken at 25 km/h in foul weather.

Slow sometimes means really, really slow," he says. "Pay attention to the movement of your car, the way the

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steering feels, the adhesion of the tires against the surface of the road."

These days, even with about 90 per cent of new cars having antilock brakes (ABS), Spenard says many people are ignorant of the proper way to use them.

They're afraid of the vibration and the noise," he says. "It's ABS that allows you to brake firmly without pumping the brake, but they release pressure when they're trying to slow down because they're afraid of it. Brake as hard as you can - with ABS you can still steer because you're not locking up the wheels."

Ideally, though, Spenard says all of your braking should be done in a straight line, before you enter a corner. "Panic braking with ABS shouldn't be a problem. Just keep it pointed straight and don't worry about the noise." If you're in a car that doesn't have ABS, you will lock up the wheels in a panic situation, so Spenard says to apply just enough pressure to stay below the locking threshold, then relieve the pressure a little. You can't direct the car if the wheels are locked, so you must be more careful without ABS.

ABS, though, can make for longer stopping distances, so he says one of the easiest things you can do is to leave more distance between yourself and the car in front, or a light or stop

sign.
"Look through the car in front of you to see what's coming up, and stay off the phone," he

As for skidding, Spenard says prevention is the best cure.

"We're not on the race track. We can't afford to lose control even slightly. Slow down

long before the corner, and if you're entering a highway, you are looking for trouble if you haven't slowed down in a straight line beforehand."

Once you've slowed down, maintain a constant speed through the corner, and don't start accelerating again until you've unwound the steering wheel and your wheels are pointed straight.

"If you come in (to the corner) too fast, the back end will go around. If you're in a corner and you accelerate with front-wheel drive, you spin the wheels, which has the same consequences as locking the wheels.

"What we should do is prevent, not recover. Don't be pressured (by the car behind you)."

Spenard is spreading the word on behalf of Michelin's Winter Driving Academy. Visit www.michelin.ca for more information and videos on winter driving.

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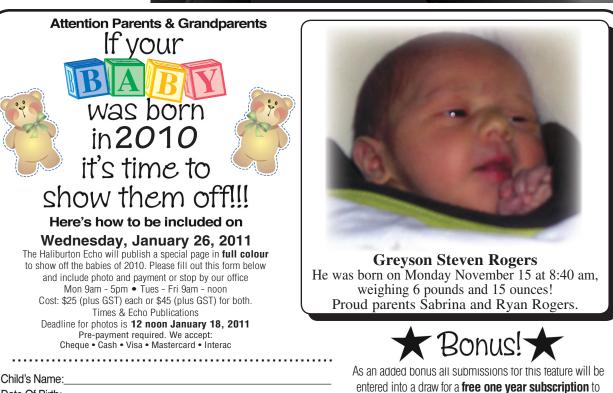
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Jets test flight

The boys and girls (six to 11 year-olds) Wilberforce Jets were holding their practice and scrimmage, using a ball hockey ball and a puck at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19.

Darren Lum Echo staff

Coming Events

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What's happening in the County

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- Ladies Night at the Dorest Recreational Center. Ladies, join in for an evening of fun at this new monthly activity (to take place the 1st Wednesday of the month) The inaugural Ladies Night stating at 7pm on January 5 has a theme of "Spa Night". The cost is \$5 per person and all ladies are welcome. Call the Rec Center to sign up.
- December 19th & 26th: Allsaw Church Christmas Concert. Starts at 7pm and refreshments served after.
- December 29th: Red Umbrella Inn ~ Tourism Planning Best Practices ~ Guest speaker John Rae from Whistler Please RSVP by December 23rd to larrymclarke@sympatico.ca or contact Red Umbrella Inn at 705-489-2462. Cost is \$20 which includes opening coffee/pasteries and Buffet Lunch. Presented in association with: County of Haliburton Economic Development, Tourism and Marketing.
- December 29th: "Dancing to the Music of the Golden Slipper Era" with the Golden Slipper Live Band. Wednesday December 29th at 1:30 pm at the Maple Lake Church. Price is \$10 (No Alcohol)

- December 31st: Don't Miss Harcourt Community Chapel's New Year's Eve Program starting at 9 pm. This is a party with a difference. It will include Music, Skits, Recitation, Puppets and delicious refreshments. It is a carefully crafted mix of fun and inspiration. This is a free of charge event. It's a great way to see the old year out and the New Year in. For more information call 448-CARE or 448-2273
- January 13th : Leaders Prayer Breakfast at the West Guilford Community Center at 8:30am. Join us as we pray for the leaders of our land. Tickets are \$12.50 and can be purchased at one of the following host churches: Lighthouse Pentacostal Church; St. George's Anglican Church; The Bridge Lakeside Baptist Church; Eagle Lake Community Church; West Guilford Baptist Church.
- January 24th to March 6th: Family Math at Archie Stouffer School. From 5-7 pm. For families with children in Junior/Senior Kindergarden and Grade 1. What do bears, bugs and bubbles have in common? They can help your child learn math! Come and join 6 sessions of FUN! Light supper provided. Take home surprises each week. Space is limited so please register by phoning 286-4625 or emailing oeycparented@bellnet.ca.

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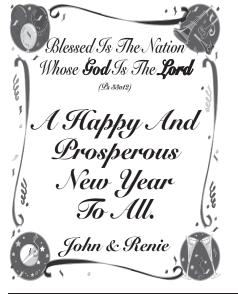
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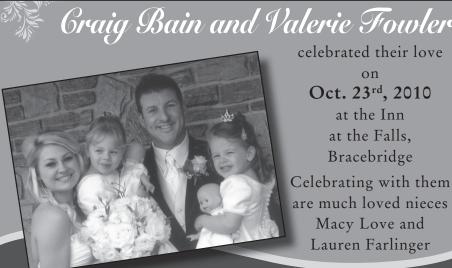
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